

As a Flight Attendant and an Attorney, I understand both sides of the "cellphone use on airborne aircraft" issue. However, I believe there are a number of reasons why cellphone use on planes should be limited:

1: Most importantly for security reasons. It would make it far too easy for terrorist to communicate with one another. Every move made by the crew, and every move made by the aircraft (with a GPS unit) could be relayed. Also, has any study/research been done on whether a cellphone can be transformed into a bomb or incendiary device?

2: Flight Attendants already have a difficult time getting passengers to heed announcements and crew orders, particularly those who are using their cellphones.

3: It is often outright annoying to other passengers when someone is using their cellphone, not only because passengers are seated so close to each other, but due to cabin/engine noise, passengers on cellphones talk very loudly.

4: Passengers have ample opportunity to use their cellphones prior to takeoff and on landing immediately after leaving the active runway.

Therefore, I hope the FCC will consider postponing cellular phone use on airborne flights until the above issues can be fully addressed.

Sincerely,

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